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Corpsmen Demonstrate Resiliency and Warrior Spirit during 2016 DoD Warrior Games

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The Warrior Games is an annual Paralympic-type event where wounded veterans from

the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Special Operations Command and the United Kingdom Armed Forces compete for medals in eight different sports.

Editor's note: Navy Medicine applauds the approximately 250 wounded warrior athletes that competed in the 2016 Warrior Games. Of the 38 seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors competing on behalf of Team Navy, seven were hospital corpsmen. Bravo Zulu to Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Shane Gilley and the following retired hospital corpsmen: Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Luis Surla, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joseph Derbak, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Roel Espino, Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sonny Lemerande, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bernard Lowe and Hospitalman Adam Hygema for demonstrating the resiliency and warrior spirit of service members, Veterans and their families and caregivers. Their involvement highlights how adaptive sports and athletic reconditioning activities play a fundamental role in the successful recovery and reintegration of our seriously wounded, ill and injured service members and Veterans.



Team Navy enters Shea Stadium at the U.S. Military Academy located in West Point, New York as part of the 2016 Department of Defense Warrior Games Opening Ceremony. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kiona Miller/Released)



Jon Stewart, 2016 Department of Defense (DoD) Warriors Game opening ceremony emcee enjoys a moment with Team Navy.

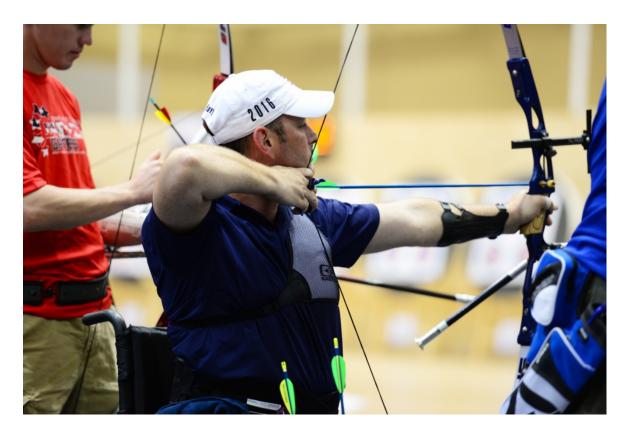


Navy veteran Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Luis Surla prepares to shoot a stationary and electronic target during an air rifle shooting competition. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kiona Miller/Released)

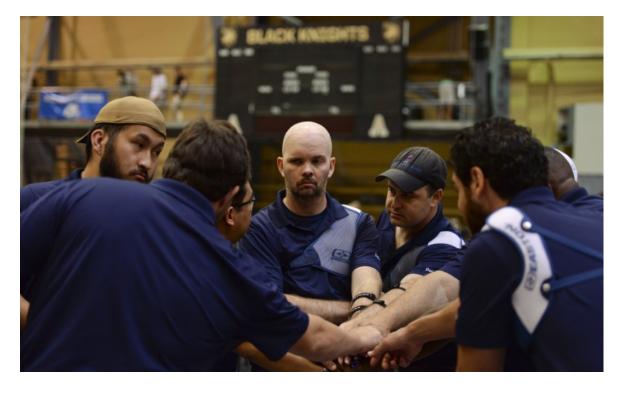


Navy veteran Joseph Derbak, a retired Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class, prepares for the

archery event at the 2016 DoD Warrior Games. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Patrick Gordon/Released)



Navy veteran Joseph Derbak, a retired Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class takes aim during 2016 DoD Warrior Games. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Patrick Gordon/Released)



Retired Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Roel Espino, far left, joins his team mates for a

group huddle before the archery competition.



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Shane Gilley practices his serve during a Team Navy sitting volleyball practice.